

STATE OF IOWA
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
UTILITIES BOARD

IN RE: QWEST CORPORATION (f/k/a U S WEST COMMUNICATIONS, INC.), AND CHOCTAW COMMUNICATIONS, INC. (f/k/a CHOCTAW COMMUNICATIONS, L.C.) d/b/a SMOKE SIGNAL COMMUNICATIONS	DOCKET NO. NIA-00-31
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**ORDER DOCKETING NEGOTIATED INTERCONNECTION
AGREEMENT FOR COMMENTS**

(Issued July 21, 2000)

On June 30, 2000, U S WEST Communications, Inc. (U S WEST), and Choctaw Communications, Inc. (f/k/a Choctaw Communications, L.C.) d/b/a Smoke Signal Communications, filed a negotiated interconnection agreement for review by the Utilities Board (Board) pursuant to 47 U.S.C. § 252(e). A corporate reorganization was closed on June 30, 2000, and U S WEST's name has been changed to Qwest Corporation (Qwest). The proceeding will be identified as Docket No. NIA-00-31.

The parties to the negotiation or any other interested party may submit written comments supporting approval or rejection of the agreement within 30 days of the filing under 199 IAC 38.7(4). Accordingly, the Board will accept written comments on or before July 31, 2000. The Board will determine what procedures are appropriate

for review of the agreement after any comments are filed. Pursuant to 47 U.S.C. § 252(e)(4), the Board must approve or reject the interconnection agreement within 90 days of the submission of the agreement or the agreement will be deemed approved.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. The proceeding to review the negotiated interconnection agreement filed on June 30, 2000, by Qwest Corporation (f/k/a U S WEST Communications, Inc.), and Choctaw Communications, Inc. (f/k/a Choctaw Communications, L.C.) d/b/a Smoke Signal Communications shall be identified as Docket No. NIA-00-31.

2. Comments supporting approval or rejection of the agreement by the parties to the negotiation or other interested parties shall be filed on or before July 31, 2000.

UTILITIES BOARD

/s/ Allan T. Thoms

ATTEST:

/s/ Raymond K. Vawter, Jr.
Executive Secretary

/s/ Diane Munns

Dated at Des Moines, Iowa, this 21st day of July, 2000.